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In re the Application of: **CHIKUBA, et al.**

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Examiner: **BERRY, Willie Wendel**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GRINDING MAGNETIC MEMBER
AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE FLUID**

CORRECTION TO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED OCTOBER 24, 2002

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 5, 2002

Sir:

The applicants respectfully note that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 24, 2002 had inadvertently indicated that such October 24, 2002 IDS was filed "prior to issuance of either a final official action or a Notice of Allowance." However, a final Office Action had in fact been mailed out by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (U.S. PTO) on July 11, 2002. The applicants and their undersigned representative apologize for this inadvertence.

It is further respectfully noted that the requisite fee of \$180.00, which was paid in the filing of the October 24, 2002 IDS, would have been the government fee required had the IDS filed on October 24, 2002 not included the above-noted inadvertence.

Other than the above-noted inadvertence, the October 24, 2002 IDS is an effective IDS, and its effect for filing copies of the references cited therein for the Examiner's full consideration remains.

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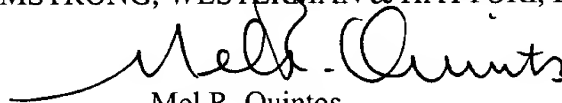
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The applicants continue to request that the information submitted in the October 24, 2002 IDS be determined as to any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See, 37 CFR 1.104(a) concerning the U.S. PTO's duty to consider and use any such information. It is again respectfully requested that the information, submitted in the October 24, 2002 IDS, be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the Form PTO-1449, attached to the October 24, 2002 IDS, be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this authorization are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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